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[HB2171](#): Don Bolles memorial.

Sponsor: Representative Longdon, LD 5
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Overview

Authorizes Legislative Council (Council) to create a memorial of Don Bolles in Wesley Bolin Plaza.

History

Don Bolles was an investigative journalist for The Arizona Republic. In June of 1976, he was killed in a car bombing in a parking lot outside of the Hotel Clarendon.

A monument or memorial recognizing or honoring a person, group, entity or event will be in the governmental mall only if a legislative act authorizes it ([A.R.S. § 41-1363](#)).

After authorization, for a monument or a memorial to be established it must:

- 1) Proponents must submit design, dimension and location to Council;
- 2) Council will review and determine the most appropriate location;
- 3) Council will approve a final design, dimension, location, maintenance requirements, minimum required deposit in the state monument and memorial repair fund and any statement, declaration, writings or inscription on the monument or memorial;
- 4) Before construction, the proponents must enter a contract with Council, including final design, dimensions and location of the monument or memorial and the employees and contractors working on the project; and
- 5) An approved monument must be completed within two years of the legislative act authorizing the monument or memorial ([A.R.S. § 41-1363](#)).

Council is responsible for the allocation of space, operation, alteration, renovation and control of Wesley Bolin memorial plaza with the exception of some of the parking spaces ([A.R.S. § 41-1304.05](#)).

Provisions

1. Authorizes Council to place a memorial in Wesley Bolin Plaza dedicated to Don Bolles. (Sec. 1)
2. Prohibits the use of public monies for the costs of the memorial. (Sec. 1)
3. Mandates fundraising and contracts for artistic design and construction of the memorial are the responsibility of the proponents. (Sec. 1)
4. Prohibits the state from facilitating fundraising or establishing a state fund for the deposit of the monies. (Sec. 1)
5. Repeals this Act on October 1, 2026. (Sec. 1)

Prop 105 (45 votes) Prop 108 (40 votes) Emergency (40 votes) Fiscal Note